# **On Signless Laplacian Eigenvalues Of** $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$

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Abstract For  $n = (pq)^2$ , Pirzada et al. in [7] showed the signless Laplacian spectrum of the graph  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ . In this article, we generalised the finding of [7] and show the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of the graphs  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  for  $n = p^{M_1}q^{M_2}$ , where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are positive integers and p and q are primes (p < q).

# **1** Notations and Introduction

In this paper, only simple, connected, undirected, and finite graphs are considered. Let V stand for the graph G's vertex set and E for the graph G's edge set. Then, we write G = (V, E). The order of a graph G is it's number of vertices. The size of G is determined by the quantity of its edges. deg(v) is used to denote the number of edges incident with  $v \in V$ . For each vertex v, a graph G is said to be *r*-regular if deg(v) = r. The collection of G vertices that are adjacent to a vertex v is referred to as its neighbourhood and is represented by the symbol  $N_G(v)$ . With A being any square matrix and its different eigenvalues being  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots, \lambda_k$  with corresponding multiplicities of  $n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_k$ , the spectrum of A is denoted by  $\sigma(A)$  and is defined by

$$\sigma(A) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_k \\ n_1 & n_2 & \cdots & n_k \end{array} \right\}.$$

The square *n*-dimensional *adjacency matrix* A(G) of G is given by

$$A(G) = (a_{ij}) = \begin{cases} 1, & v_i v_j \in E(G), \\ 0, & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

The matrices L(G) = Deg(G) - A(G) and SL(G) = Deg(G) + A(G) are the Laplacian and signless Laplacian of graph G, respectively, where Deg(G) be the diagonal matrix of vertex degrees given by  $Deg(G) = diag(x_1,$ 

 $x_2, \ldots, x_n$ ), where  $x_i = deg(v_i)$ . The spectrum of signless Laplacian matrix and Laplacian matrix is respectively known to be signless Laplacian spectrum and Laplacian spectrum of the graph G. The details of adjacency and Laplacian spectrum can be found in [5, 8, 11].

Consider a commutative ring R with the identity  $1 \neq 0$ . On commutative rings, firstly, Beck in the year 1988 introduced the concept of zero-divisor graphs. The vertices of the graph are all elements of rings in the definition of Beck. Beck's definition was later amended by Anderson and Livingston in the year 1999, in which they define only the non-zero zero-divisors of the rings are the vertices of the graphs. For further information on the zero-divisor graph see [1, 2, 4]. In Section 2, we discuss several basic definitions, lemma's and theorems, which are employed

to support the key conclusions. In Section 3, we investigate signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  of order M, where  $n = p^{M_1}q^{M_2}$ . Also deduce the many corollaries from these findings as well. As a result of the application of the main result, we draw several significant conclusions.

## 2 Preliminaries

We start with definitions and a few well-known findings that will be used to support the main conclusions.

**Definition 2.1.** Let G(V, E) be a graph of order m having vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m\}$  and  $H_k(V_k, E_k)$  be disjoint graphs of order  $m_k$ ,  $1 \le k \le m$ . The generalized join graph  $G[H_1, H_2, \ldots, H_m]$  is formed by taking the graphs  $H_1, H_2, \ldots, H_m$  and joined each vertex of  $H_k$  to every vertex of  $H_l$  whenever k and l are adjacent in G.

Euler's phi function  $\phi(n)$ . denotes the number of positively divisible integers less than or equal to *n* that are relatively prime to *n*. If  $n = q_1^{m_1} q_2^{m_2} \cdots q_k^{m_k}$ , where  $m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_k$  are positive integers and  $q_1, q_2, \ldots, q_k$  are different primes, then we can say that *n* is in prime decomposition.

**Lemma 2.2.** [6] If  $n = q_1^{m_1} q_2^{m_2} \cdots q_t^{m_t}$  is a prime decomposition of n, then  $\tau(n) = (m_1 + 1)(m_2 + 1) \cdots (m_t + 1)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** [6] The phi function  $\phi$  of Euler satisfies the following conditions: (1)  $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$ , whenever x and y are relatively prime. (2) Sum of  $\phi(x) = n$ , whenever x divides n i.e.,  $\sum_{x|n} \phi(x) = n$ .

(3) For any prime  $q, \sum_{i=1}^{k} \phi(q^k) = q^k - 1.$ 

For  $1 \le r \le k$ , consider the sets

$$A_{x_r} = \{ s \in \mathbb{Z}_n : (s, n) = x_r \},\$$

where (s, n) denotes the gcd of s and n. Also we see that  $A_{x_r} \cap A_{x_s} = \phi$ , when  $r \neq s$ . This implies that the sets  $A_{x_1}, A_{x_2}, \ldots, A_{x_k}$  are pairwise disjoint and partitions the vertex set of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  as

$$V(\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)) = A_{x_1} \cup A_{x_2} \cup \cdots \cup A_{x_k}.$$

By the definition of  $A_{x_r}$ , a vertex of  $A_{x_r}$  is adjacent to a vertex of  $A_{x_s}$  in  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  if and only if  $n|x_rx_s$ , for  $r, s \in \{1, 2, ..., k\}$ . The next lemma shows the cardinality of  $A_{x_r}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [11, Proposition 2.1] Let  $x_r$  be the divisor of n, then  $|A_{x_r}| = \phi(\frac{n}{x_r}), 1 \le r \le k$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** [5, Corollary 2.5] Let  $x_r$  be the proper divisor of the positive integer n, the following hold:

(i) For  $r \in \{1, 2, ..., k\}$ , the induced subgraph  $\Gamma(A_{x_r})$  of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  on the vertex set  $A_{x_r}$  is either the complete graph  $K_{\phi(\frac{n}{x_r})}$  or its complement graph  $\overline{K}_{\phi(\frac{n}{x_r})}$ . Indeed,  $\Gamma(A_{x_r})$  is  $K_{\phi(\frac{n}{x_r})}$  if and only if  $n|x_r^2$ .

(ii) For  $r, s \in \{1, 2, ..., k\}$  with  $r \neq s$ , a vertex of  $A_{x_r}$  is adjacent to either all or none of the vertices of  $A_{x_s}$  in  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ .

The above lemma shows that the induced subgraphs  $\Gamma(A_{x_r})$  of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  are either cliques or null graphs. The next lemma says that  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is a generalized join of certain complete graphs and complements of complete graphs.

**Lemma 2.6.** [5, Lemma 2.7] Let  $\Gamma(A_{x_r})$  be the induced subgraph of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  on the vertex set  $A_{x_r}$  for  $1 \leq r \leq k$ . Then  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n) = \delta_n[\Gamma(A_{x_1}), \Gamma(A_{x_2}), \dots, \Gamma(A_{x_k})]$ .

In term of the signless Laplacian spectrum of component  $H_r$ 's the next result gives the signless Laplacian spectrum of  $G[H_1, H_2, \ldots, H_n]$  and the eigenvalues of an auxiliary matrix.

**Theorem 2.7.** [10, Theorem 2.1] Let K be a graph with  $V(K) = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n\}$ , and  $H_r$ 's be  $k_r$ -regular graphs of order  $h_r$  with signless Laplacian eigenvalues  $\lambda_{r1} \ge \lambda_{r2} \ge \cdots \ge \lambda_{rh_r}$ , where  $r = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . If  $G = K[H_1, H_2, \ldots, H_n]$ , then signless Laplacian spectrum of G can be computed as follows.

$$\sigma_{SL}(G) = \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^{n} \left(N_r + \left(\sigma_{SL}(H_r) \setminus \{2k_r\}\right)\right)\right) \bigcup \sigma(Y(K)),$$

where

$$N_r = \begin{cases} \sum_{v_s \in N_K(v_r)} h_s, & N_K(v_r) \neq \phi, \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

and

$$Y(K) = (y_{st})_{n \times n} = \begin{cases} 2k_s + N_s, & s = t, \\ \sqrt{h_s h_t}, & st \in E(K), \\ 0 & otherwise. \end{cases}$$
(2.1)

The number  $N_r$  and the matrix Y(K) are only dependent on the graph K.

#### 3 Main results

We state and prove the first result of this paper.

**Theorem 3.1.** The signless Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$  of order M, where  $M_1 = 2m \le 2n = M_2$  consists of the eigenvalues

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} p^{r}-1 & q^{s}-1 & pq^{s}-1 & \cdots & p^{m}q^{k}-1 \\ \phi(p^{M_{1}-r}q^{M_{2}})-1 & \phi(p^{M_{1}}q^{M_{2}-s})-1 & \phi(p^{M_{1}-1}q^{M_{2}-s})-1 & \cdots & \phi(p^{m}q^{M_{2}-k})-1 \\ \\ p^{m}q^{l}-3 & \cdots & p^{M_{1}}q^{k}-3 & p^{M_{1}}q^{t}-3 \\ \phi(p^{m}q^{M_{2}-l})-1 & \cdots & \phi(q^{M_{2}-k})-1 & \phi(q^{M_{2}-t})-1 \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $r = 1, 2, ..., m, ..., M_1$ ,  $s = 1, 2, ..., M_2$ , k = 1, 2, ..., n - 1, l = n, ..., 2n and t = n, ..., 2n - 1. The eigenvalues of the matrix (2.1) are remaining signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u = p^{M_1}q^{M_2}$ , where p and q are distinct primes and  $2 \le M_1 = 2m \le 2n = M_2$ . The proper divisors of u are

$$\left\{ p, p^2, \dots, p^m, \dots, p^{M_1}, q, q^2, \dots, q^n, \dots, q^{M_2}, pq, pq^2, \dots, pq^n, \dots, pq^{M_2}, \dots, p^m q, \\ p^m q^2, \dots, p^m q^{n-1}, p^m q^n, \dots, p^m q^{M_2}, \dots, p^{M_1} q, p^{M_1} q^2, \dots, p^{M_1} q^{n-1}, p^{M_1} q^n, \\ \dots, p^{M_1} q^{M_2 - 1} \right\}.$$

The following adjacency relations will be obtain by the definition of  $\delta_n$  given in [3].

$$p^{r} \sim p^{s} q^{M_{2}}, \ r+s \geq M_{1}, \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, M_{1},$$

$$q^{r} \sim p^{M_{1}} q^{s}, \ r+s \geq M_{2}, \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, M_{2},$$

$$pq^{r} \sim p^{k} q^{s}, \ r+s \geq M_{2}, \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, M_{2} \text{ and } k \geq 2m-1,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$p^{m} q^{r} \sim p^{k} q^{s}, \ r+s \geq M_{2}, \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, M_{2} \text{ and } k \geq m,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$p^{M_{1}} q^{r} \sim p^{k} q^{s}, \ r+s \geq M_{2}, \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, M_{2} - 1 \text{ and } k \geq 0.$$

Also, by Lemma 2.4, the cardinalities of  $A_{x_r}$  for  $k = 1, 2, ..., M_2 - 1$ ,  $s = 1, 2, ..., M_2$  and  $r = 1, 2, ..., M_1$ , are

$$\begin{split} |A_{p^r}| &= \phi(p^{M_1 - r}q^{M_2}), |A_{q^s}| = \phi(p^{M_1}q^{M_2 - s}), |A_{pq^s}| = \phi(p^{M_1 - 1}q^{M_2 - s}), \\ \dots, |A_{p^mq^s}| &= \phi(p^mq^{M_2 - s}), \dots, |A_{p^{M_1 - 1}q^s}| = \phi(pq^{M_2 - s}), |A_{p^{M_1}q^k}| = \phi(q^{M_2 - k}). \end{split}$$
The induced subgraphs  $\Gamma(A_{x_{p^r}})$  from Lemma 2.5 are

$$H_{r} = \begin{cases} \Gamma(A_{x_{p^{r}}}) = \overline{K}_{\phi(p^{M_{1}-r}q^{M_{2}})}, & 1 \leq r \leq M_{1}, \\ \Gamma(A_{x_{q^{s}}}) = \overline{K}_{\phi(p^{M_{1}}q^{M_{2}-s})}, & 1 \leq s \leq M_{2}, \\ \Gamma(A_{x_{p^{r}q^{s}}}) = \overline{K}_{\phi(p^{M_{1}-r}q^{M_{2}-s})}, & 1 \leq r \leq m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq s \leq M_{2} \\ \text{or } m \leq r \leq M_{1} \text{ and } 1 \leq s \leq n-1, \\ \Gamma(A_{x_{p^{r}q^{s}}}) = K_{\phi(p^{M_{1}-r}q^{M_{2}-s})}, & m \leq r \leq M_{1} \text{ and } n \leq s \leq M_{2}. \end{cases}$$
(3.1)

Using Theorems 2.3 and 2.7, the values of  $N_r$ 's are

$$N_{1} = \phi(p) = p - 1,$$

$$N_{2} = \phi(p) + \phi(p^{2}) = p^{2} - 1,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$N_{m} = \phi(p^{m}) + \phi(p^{m-1}) + \dots + \phi(p) = p^{m} - 1,$$

$$\vdots$$

$$N_{M_{1}} = \phi(p^{M_{1}}) + \phi(p^{M_{1}-1}) + \dots + \phi(p) = p^{M_{1}} - 1,$$

so, we can say that,

$$N_r = p^r - 1$$
, for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, M_1$ 

For  $r \ge n$  and  $s \ge n$ ,  $\Gamma(A_{p^rq^s})$  is adjacent to itself as a vertex of  $\delta_n$ , Therefore, to obtain  $N_r$ 's, we add and subtract the cardinalities of such  $\Gamma(A_{p^rq^s})$ 's. The other  $N_r$ 's, as calculated above, are given by

$$\begin{split} N_r = q^s - 1, \text{ for } r = M_1 + 1, \dots, M_1 + M_2 \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, n, \dots, M_1, \\ N_r = pq^s - 1, \text{ for } r = M_1 + M_2 + 1, \dots, M_1 + 2M_2 \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, n, \dots, M_1, \\ \vdots \\ N_r = p^m q^s - 1, \text{ for } r = M_1 + mM_2 + 1, \dots, M_1 + mM_2 + n - 1 \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1, \\ N_r = p^m q^s - 1 - \phi(p^m q^s), \text{ for } r = M_1 + mM_2, \dots, M_1 + (m + 1)M_2 \text{ and } s = n, \dots, M_2, \\ \vdots \\ N_r = p^{M_1} q^s - 1, \text{ for } r = M_1 + M_1M_2 + 1, \dots, M_1 + M_1M_2 + n - 1 \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1, \\ N_r = p^{M_1} q^s - 1, \text{ for } r = M_1 + M_1M_2 + 1, \dots, M_1 + M_1M_2 + n - 1 \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1, \\ N_r = p^{M_1} q^s - 1 - \phi(q^{M_2 - s}), \text{ for } r = M_1 + M_1M_2 + n, \dots, M_1 + M_1M_2 + M_2 - 1 \end{split}$$

and 
$$s = n, ..., M_2 - 1$$
.

Now, by using (3.1) and Theorem 2.7, we have

$$N_r + \lambda_{rk}(H_r) = N_r + \lambda_{rk}(\overline{K}_{\phi(p^{M_1 - r_q^{M_2}})}) = N_r = p^r - 1, \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, M_1.$$

Thus, for  $r = 1, 2, ..., M_1$ , the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$  is  $p^r - 1$  with multiplicity  $\phi(p^{M_1-r}q^{M_2}) - 1$ . Using similar steps, we obtain

$$\left\{\begin{array}{cccc} q^s - 1 & pq^s - 1 & \cdots & p^m q^k - 1 \\ \phi(p^{M_1} q^{M_2 - s}) - 1 & \phi(p^{M_1 - 1} q^{M_2 - s}) - 1 & \cdots & \phi(p^m q^{M_2 - k}) - 1 \end{array}\right\}$$

are also the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$ . Now, by Equation (3.1)  $H_r = K_{\phi(p^{M_1-r_q^{M_2-s}})}$ , for  $m \leq r \leq M_1$  and  $n \leq s \leq M_2$ , so, we have

$$N_r + \lambda_{rk}(H_r) = p^m q^l - 1 - \phi(p^m q^l) + \phi(p^m q^l) - 2 = p^m q^l - 3.$$

Thus,  $p^m q^l - 3$  is the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$  with multiplicity  $\phi(p^m q^l) - 1$ , where  $l = n, \ldots, M_2$ .

Similarly, we see that  $p^{M_1}q^k - 3$  with multiplicity  $\phi(q^{M_2-k}) - 1$  and  $p^{M_1}q^t - 3$  with multiplicity  $\phi(q^{M_2-t}) - 1$  are the signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$  for k = 1, 2, ..., n - 1 and  $t = n, ..., M_2 - 1$ . The remaining signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$  are the roots of the characteristic polynomial of the matrix (2.1).

Theorem 3.1 will get the following conclusion if we put n = 0.

**Corollary 3.2.** [7, Theorem 3.5] If  $n = p^{2m}$  for some positive integer  $m \ge 2$ , then the signless Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} p-1 & p^2-1 & \cdots & p^{m-2}-1 & p^{m-1}-1 \\ \phi(p^{2m-1})-1 & \phi(p^{2m-2})-1 & \cdots & \phi(p^{m+2})-1 & \phi(p^{m+1})-1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$p^m-3 & p^{m+1}-3 & \cdots & p^{2m-2}-3 & p^{2m-1}-3 \\ (p^m)-1 & \phi(p^{m-1})-1 & \cdots & \phi(p^2)-1 & \phi(p)-1 \end{array} \right\}.$$

The other signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  are the zeros of the characteristic polynomial of the matrix (2.1).

**Example 3.3.** The signless Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{36})$ .

*Proof.* As  $n = 2^2 3^2$ . Now the proper divisor of 36 are 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18 and  $\delta_{36}$ : 2 ~ 18 ~ 4 ~ 9 ~ 12 ~ 3, 12 ~ 18 ~ 6 ~ 12. Applying Lemma 2.6 and increasing the divisor sequence to order the vertices,

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{36}) = \delta_{36}[\Gamma(A_2), \Gamma(A_3), \Gamma(A_4), \Gamma(A_6), \Gamma(A_9), \Gamma(A_{12}), \Gamma(A_{18})]$$

By Lemma 2.5, we have

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$$\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{36}) = G_7[\overline{K}_6, \overline{K}_4, \overline{K}_6, K_2, \overline{K}_2, K_2, K_1].$$

Using Theorem 2.7, the values of  $N_r$ 's are

$$(N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4, N_5, N_6, N_7) = (1, 2, 3, 3, 8, 9, 16)$$

Again, using Theorem 2.7, the signless Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{36})$  consists of the eigenvalues

Now, using Theorem 2.7, we can determine the matrix  $Y(G_7)$ .

$$Y(G_7) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{8} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 & \sqrt{12} & 0 & \sqrt{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 5 & 0 & 2 & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{12} & 0 & 8 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{8} & 0 & 2 & 2 & 11 & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{6} & 0 & \sqrt{6} & \sqrt{2} & 0 & \sqrt{2} & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.2)

From the matrix  $Y(G_7)$  given in (3.2) we have calculated the remaining eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{36})$ . The characteristic polynomial of matrix (3.2) is

$$-\lambda^7 + 46\lambda^6 - 774\lambda^5 + 5888\lambda^4 - 20345\lambda^3 + 29538\lambda^2 - 17088\lambda + 2880.$$

The approximated eigenvalues of matrix (3.2) are

$$\{17.567, 12.480, 9.010, 4.456, 1.324, 0.883, 0.280\}$$

**Theorem 3.4.** The signless Laplacian Spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$  of order M, where  $M_1 = 2m + 1 \le 2n + 1 = M_2$  consists of the eigenvalues

$$\begin{cases} p^{r}-1 & q^{s}-1 & pq^{s}-1 & \cdots & p^{m+1}q^{k}-3\\ \phi(p^{M_{1}-r}q^{M_{2}})-1 & \phi(p^{M_{1}}q^{M_{2}-s})-1 & \phi(p^{M_{1}-1}q^{M_{2}-s})-1 & \cdots & \phi(p^{m}q^{M_{2}-s})-1\\ \cdots & p^{2m+1}q^{k}-3\\ \cdots & \phi(q^{M_{2}-k})-1 \end{cases} \end{cases},$$

where  $r = 1, 2, ..., m, ..., M_1$ ,  $s = 1, 2, ..., M_2$ , k = 1, 2, ..., 2n. The remaining signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^{M_1}q^{M_2}})$  are the eigenvalues of the matrix (2.1).

If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are odd, the preceding conclusion yields the signless Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ , where  $n = p^{M_1}q^{M_2}$ . The proof of the above Theorem is similar to Theorem 3.1.

If we substitute  $M_2 = 0$  in Theorem 3.4, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 3.5.** [7, Theorem 3.5] If  $n = p^{2m+1}$  for some positive integer  $m \ge 2$ , then the signless Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is

$$\begin{cases} p-1 & p^2-1 & \cdots & p^{m-1}-1 & p^m-1 \\ \phi(p^{2m})-1 & \phi(p^{2m-1})-1 & \cdots & \phi(p^{m+2})-1 & \phi(p^{m+1})-1 \end{cases}$$

$$p^{m+1}-3 & p^{m+2}-3 & \cdots & p^{2m-1}-3 & p^{2m}-3 \\ \phi(p^m)-1 & \phi(p^{m-1})-1 & \cdots & \phi(p^2)-1 & \phi(p)-1 \end{cases}$$

The roots of the characteristic polynomial of the matrix (2.1) are the remaining signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ .

It gives the following result when we put m = n = 1 in Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.6.** [7, Proposition 3.4] If  $n = p^2q^2$  then the signless Laplacian spectrum of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} p-1 & p^2-1 & q-1 & q^2-1 & pq-3 & pq^2-3 & p^2q-3 \\ \phi(pq^2)-1 & \phi(q^2)-1 & \phi(p^2q)-1 & \phi(p^2)-1 & \phi(pq)-1 & \phi(p)-1 & \phi(q)-1 \end{array} \right\}$$

The roots of the characteristic polynomial of the matrix (2.1) are the remaining signless Laplacian eigenvalues of  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ .

The following outcome is produced when m = n = 0 is put in Theorem 3.4.

**Corollary 3.7.** [7, Lemma 3.2] *The signless Laplacian spectrum of*  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{pq})$  *is* 

$$\left\{\begin{array}{rrrr} 0 & q-1 & p-1 & p+q-2 \\ 1 & p-2 & q-2 & 1 \end{array}\right\}.$$

Here the eigenvalues q - 1 and p - 1 is obtained from Theorem 3.4 and the other two eigenvalues is obtained from the matrix (2.1).

#### **Conflict of interest**

There is no conflict of interest among the authors.

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